

ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL

Executive Board Meeting Minutes March 15, 2001

I. Call to Order. The Council was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Tim Smothers. A count of Board Members established that a quorum was present. (See attached list of Board Members present).

II. Board Member and Public Attendee Introductions

III. Budget Update. Gary Irish, acting as an Alternate Representative for Lynn Larson, reported on the status for the AGIC and AGIC Conference Budget. No questions were asked regarding the budget.

IV. Approval of Minutes of the January 11, 2001 meeting. Tim asked for a motion to approve the draft minutes of the last Board Meeting. Motion made by Sally Powers. Motion seconded by Bob Cooper.

Action Item: Motion to approve January 11, 2001 AGIC Executive Management Board. Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

V. Subcommittee Reports.

A. Administration and Legal Subcommittee Report.

Board Membership Status

Gene Trobia announced that the resignations of Rudy Stricklan and Seth Franzmann have been forwarded to the Governor's Office. The application for Gregg Tuttle to replace Rudy Stricklan as the private sector representative is also forwarded.

C. Conference Committee Report

Gene announced that the annual AGIC Conference would take on a new form this year only. The committee decided not to organize a full scale conference this year and possibly hold a conference focused on policy issues.. S.W.U.G. will be held in Arizona this year and will provide plenty of technical information. Manny Rosas from Pima Association of Government, stated the S.W.U.G. conference will be held the 2nd week of October at the Presidio in Tucson. Tom Sturm asked if the conference location will be re-evaluated for next year. Gene explained that the location of the next conference will rely in part on the procurement process through the Department of Administration. Jami Garrison offered to ask her procurement office at DOT to see if they would become involved. Tom also suggested the use of a non-profit organization to organize the conference may help with the planning process.

B. Data Resources

Core Data Teams

Tim explained the meeting of a group to discuss core data and begin an effort to address the development of statewide core data layers and how to integrate those efforts with AGIC. The

group identified several possible core data layers including DOQQs, Census data, transportation, geodetic control, elevation, and cadastre. The group agreed that a great first step is to focus on one of the layers and bring it to completion. The DOQQs was identified as a layer to prioritize. The group identified some items to address at a larger scope including where the data can be distributed, issues with sharing the data freely, standards such as datum and projections, and define a logical progression of core layer development.

Tim explained the DOQQs are an ideal statewide data set to acquire because they are geo-referenced very accurately as evidenced by a comparison to very accurate (± 2 foot) Pima County aerial photography. Gene explained that because of the high spatial accuracy of the DOQQs, higher resolution data could be mosaiced in areas where it exists, such as City of Tucson or Maricopa County, to create a data base of accurate aerial photography.

The group stressed the need to incorporate their efforts to the AGIC Strategic Plan. The group also discussed how to promote this effort or agenda including identifying business needs for the data and establishing user driven criteria. Standards are also important to be able to share and integrate data.

Victor pointed out that group identified transportation as a high priority layer and in fact, the development of the layer is progressing through ADOT and other efforts.

Joan Laurence asked for clarification on what the policy focus of the group would be, especially because her concept of policy involved less technical type issues. Her perspective on policy issues include things such as how to promote the use of GIS in government and how to expand the application of GIS into the business of government. Gary thought the redistricting process would help educate many people on the use of GIS. Victor suggested an approach is to develop the data first and then demonstrate uses of the data. Gene added that the development of the transportation layer will depend heavily on being able to coordinate among agencies and have policy to share data, including providing a statewide data set to the Census Bureau by 2004. Rita Walton stated that she would like to see policy associated with standards such as a standard datum. Rita also announced the completion of the transportation network for Maricopa county. Gene also stressed the need to first develop some statewide core layers and then attempt to promote GIS and its uses.

Gene expressed originally the Board membership consisted of directors. Over time the directors delegated their responsibility and the Board members are now more technical. Considering the fact that the Board is an all-volunteer organization, it has accomplished quite a bit. However, many issues facing the Board are policy issues. The Board now meets every other month, approves expenditures and conducts an annual conference. Gene proposes the Board review what it wants to accomplish then decide if its current structure will allow it to accomplish the goals it identifies.

Victor volunteered to lead a group to examine the direction of the Board. Victor suggested having an extended one-day Board meeting to discuss items that a smaller group identified.

Gary Irish asked for the Board's opinion on the prioritizing and pursuing acquisition of DOQQs

for the state. Several Board members agreed that DOQQs are a priority. Jana Fry made a motion to identify DOQQs as a high priority layer. Motion seconded by Lee Dexter.

Action Item: Motion to identify DOQQs as a high priority layer was approved unanimously.

VI. Miscellaneous Announcements

Candace Bogart from Forest Service, Region 3 headquarters, announced the completion of a Wildland Urban Interface layer showing areas in imminent wildfire danger and where fire suppression will occur in Arizona and New Mexico.

Gary announced he had sample DOQQ data available for “sampling” and viewing.

Candace asked for a good source of archaeological data to complete one of their core data themes. Jana suggested the AZSITE maintained by Arizona State University.

Sally announced she had new business cards available.

VII. Call to the Public

None

VIII. Next Meeting & Location

Next meeting May 3, 2001 at 1:30 pm. at the Dept. of Revenue.

Meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm

Board Members Present:

Joan Laurence

Susan Kanzlerr - A

Robert Cooper

Jami Garrison - A

Sally Powers

Tom Sturm

Steve Frazier - A

Gregg Tuttle - A

Jana Fry

Leland Dexter

Rick Trapp - A

Rita Walton

Candace Bogart

Victor Gass

Tim Smothers

Gary Irish - A

Manny Rosas - A

A- Alternate